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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CARGO GEAR BUREAU (ICGB) CERTIFICA-
TION PROBLEMS IN SAUDI ARABIA

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1. ISSUE WHICH SURFACED IN NOV. 1976 WITH THE ISSUANCE OF
SAUDI ARABIA PORTS AUTHORITY CIRCULARS 256 AND 263 AND
WHICH WAS ADDRESSED IN REFTEL STILL PRESENTING PROBLEM TO
ICGB.

2. PROBLEM IS THAT CIRCULAR 263 WAS NEVER OFFICIALLY
AMENDED TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF ICGB OR THE NATIONAL
CARGO BUREAU (NCB), AS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CARGO GEAR CERTIFICATES TO SHIPS MORE
THAN 15 YEARS OLD CALLING AT PORTS IN SAUDI ARABIA.
SITUATION EXISTS DESPITE DR. BADR'S ASSURANCE REFTEL
AND A DEC. 5, 1976 CABLE FROM BADR TO ICGB WHICH STATES
THAT THE SAUDI PORT AUTHORITY QUOTE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
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CARGO CERTIFICATES FROM YOUR SOCIETY (ICGB) AS REQUIRED
BY CIRCULAR 263 UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, BANKS ARE STILL REFER-
RING TO THE ORIGINAL CURCULAR 263 WHICH IS DISADVANTAGING
ICGB ACCREDITED SHIPS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE LETTERS OF
CREDIT. MOST PRESSING CASE IS WATERMAN STEAMSHIP LINE
US-FLAG VESSEL, S.S. ALEX STEPHENS, WHICH IS HAVING
DIFFICULTY GETTING ICGB ACCREDITATION FOR LETTERS OF

CREDIT. ON JUNE 3, 1977, ICGB PRESIDENT C. VISCONTI
WROTE BADR REQUESTING THAT THE LATTER ISSUE A NEW
CIRCULAR INCLUDING ICGB.

3. ADDITIONAL PROBLEM THAT HAS RECENTLY CAUSED SOME
ANXIETY AMONG BOTH OPERATORS AND ICGB INVOLVES THE MEANING
OF THE LAST SENTENCE OF CIRCULAR 263 QUOTE THE CERTIFI-
CATE'S DATE OR ITS RENEWAL SHOULD CONFORM WITH THE DATE
OF SAILING FROM PORT OF SHIPMENT UNQUOTE. ICGB HAS
ASSUMED THIS TO MEAN THAT ANY RECOGNIZED CARGO GEAR
CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE VALID AT THE TIME A SHIP SAILS
FOR SAUDI ARABIA FROM THE LAST PORT OF SHIPMENT WOULD
BE CONSIDERED BY SAUDI ARABIAN AUTHORITIES TO CONTINUE
TO BE VALID. TO ICGB, THIS ASSUMPTION IS LOGICAL BECAUSE
OF THE RECOGNIZED LONG PERIODS OF TIME THAT SHIPS HAVE
BEEN WAITING DISCHARGE BERTH ASSIGNMENTS IN SAUDI ARABIA.
IN ADDITION, ICGB HAS BEEN RECEIVING AN INCREASING NUM-
BER OF REQUESTS TO ARRANGE FOR SPECIAL ATTENDANCES ABOARD
ICGB CERTIFIED SHIPS ON THE ACTUAL DATES OF SAILING FOR
SAUDI ARABIAN PORTS. THIS REQUIREMENT PREDICATES AN
URGENT REQUEST FOR A CONFIRMED MEANING OF THE ABOVE NOTED
SENTENCE.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO (1) FOLLOW UP ON ICGB JUNE 3
LETTER TO BADR TO HAVE EITHER A NEW OR AMENDED CIRCULAR
263 ISSUED THAT WOULD SOLVE LETTER OF CREDIT PROBLEM,
ALSO INCLUSION OF NCB ON A NEW AMENDED 263 WOULD SEEM
APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF PARA 1, REFTEL, AND (2) DETERMINE
IF LAST SENTENCE CIRCULAR 263 IS INTENDED TO ACCEPT ALL
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CARGO GEAR CERTIFICATES WHICH ARE NOT YET DUE FOR RENEWAL
AS OF THAT SAILING DATE AS BEING CONTINUOUSLY VALID
REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL DATE OF LOADING OR UNLOADING
AT BERTHS IN SAUDI ARABIAN PORTS OR IS IT INTENDED TO
REQUIRE SOME REEXAMINATION OF THE CARGO GEAR OR THE
CARGO GEAR DOCUMENTS BY AN ACCEPTABLE ORGANIZATION ON
THE ACTUAL DATE OF SAILING FROM THE PORT OF SHIPMENT.
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